

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

IN THE INTEREST OF:)
J.R., D.R., W.R., and K.R.) No. ED95833
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) Appeal from the Circuit Court
) of Jefferson County
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) Case Numbers: 09JE-JU00651
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) Honorable Darrell E. Missey
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) Filed: August 16, 2011

K.A.R. and J.L.R. (Parents) appeal the Judgment and Order of the Circuit Court, Juvenile Division (Juvenile Court) terminating their parental rights to their minor children J.R., D.R., W.R., and K.R.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

Division One Holds: The Juvenile Court abused its discretion in denying Parents' motion to continue the hearing on the State's petition to terminate parental rights. The Juvenile Court did not err in failing to appoint counsel for Parents from the outset of the case, because Parents affirmatively waived their right to counsel.

Opinion by: Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., J.
Clifford H. Ahrens, P.J. and Roy L. Richter, J., concur.

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